No. R. 2435—*L. R.* 150-06-2, *dated 25th August* 1906.

The following Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, are published for general information :—

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Government Notification No. R. 9172—L. R. 35?-05-2, dated the 5th January 1906, sanctioning revised rules relating to the scheme for improving the Shekdari service.

No. R. 2309-21—L. R. 150-06-1, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH AUGUST 1906.

ORDER THEREON.—The rules issued on the 5th January last are found to require further revision in the following respects :—

2. The minimum educational qualification prescribed for admission, *viz.*, the passing of the Matriculation Examination, will, it is feared, exclude persons belonging to classes backward in education, such as Mahomedans who make excellent Shekdars. It is therefore proposed to lower it in such cases to the passing of the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination. It is considered unnecessary to lay down what classes are to be deemed backward in education, as no general definition is possible or necessary. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts taking action under Rule 5 will exercise their discretion in each case.

3. The differentiation of the Local Service Revenue Test into a Higher and a Lower grade, so as to meet the case of the smaller officials, for whom the present Revenue Examination is too high, is under contemplation. Candidates for Shekdari need pass the Lower grade only.

4. The standard in Engineering, prescribed in the existing rules, is found to be too high and elaborate for the class of officials under consideration; and difficulties have, moreover, been reported to exist in arranging for the training in the Mysore Engineering School of even the first batch of candidates sent to it. It is therefore proposed, firstly, to simplify the course of study, secondly, to reduce the course of training from one year to six months, and thirdly, to arrange in connection with the Police Training School at Bangalore (where facilities for teaching Drawing and Surveying to Police recruits already exist) for the formation of a regular Engineering class, with additional teachers if necessary. Admissions to the class of candidates for the Shekdari service will be made under the orders of the Revenue Commissioner on the recommendation of Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

5. The rule in regard to ability to ride has been simplified.

6. The training in Surveying will be given in the Engineering class itself, and it is considered unnecessary to attach candidates to measuring establishments or to District Surveyors.

7. It is considered inexpedient to reserve power to appoint candidates who do not possess all the qualifications on the date of their appointment, as in the existing rules.

8. The existing rules do not provide for Shekdars of the old school who are not Matriculates qualifying under the new scheme. Many of them are capable and deserving men whom it would be undesirable and unfair to shut out altogether from its scope. It is therefore provided that such persons whether belonging to Schedule B or C shall be admitted to the benefit of the new scale on their passing the Revenue Test (Lower grade) and qualifying themselves in the Engineering subjects specified in Rule 6. In order to enable them to qualify themselves in the latter respect, full pay will be given them during the period of their training in the Engineering class on the analogy of what was ordered in the case of Police Inspectors when the Police Training School was started in 1893. Other candidates in service must possess the general educational qualification laid down, and they will be given half pay while in the Engineering class. Those who fail the first time will not be allowed the concession a second time.

9. The Revenue Commissioner will arrange in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief Engineer for the opening of an Engineering class as early as possible in connection with the Police Training School. The Chief Engineer